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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 21, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this communication.